

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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I was surprised how well the System Books list went. Another will follow sometime. As for this list we're back to a good mix of old, more recent and quite new. A good range of subjects are included.

If any of these items take your fancy, please contact me by email or phone. Payment can be by online banking, PayPal or cheque. Account details are: Card Game Books Sort code 40-25-23, account number 51564587. As my other catalogues say, I pride myself on accurate descriptions and most faults are described; minor flaws are, however, ignored. Books are in very good, or better, condition unless otherwise stated. Prices exclude postage which will be charged at £2.00 for the first item and £1.00 for each subsequent book up to a maximum of £7.00. I am happy to post worldwide, but overseas postage will be charged at cost. I am still managing to post out within 2-3 days.

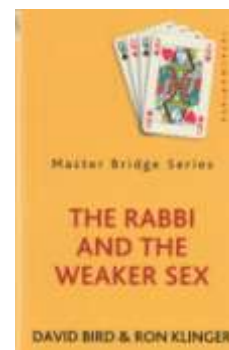
1. **BECKER, B. Jay:** BECKER ON BRIDGE. **£5.00**
London 1973 1st UK edition (1st USA 1971). 8vo 128pp Green cloth dw

This is a collection of Becker's syndicated columns for the average player. The deals usually have one point of play and are excellent examples of the genre. Pleasant reading.



2. **BIRD, David and Ron Klinger:** THE RABBI AND THE WEAKER SEX. **£8.00**
London 2013 1st thus. 8vo 127pp Dec card covers. As new
Originally published in 1994 as *Kosher Bridge 2*

An excellent sequel which may be better than the original. The roles of the cast are more assured and the hands are better.



3. **BOEKHORST, André:** THE 2ND BOLS BOOK OF BRIDGE TIPS. **£15.00**

London 1993 1st UK edition. 8vo 183pp Green cloth dw

A collection of tips from 36 authors which vary from excellent to ordinary, but a good collection.



4. **BROCK, Sally:** LEADING QUESTIONS IN BRIDGE. **£8.00**
Toronto 2007 1st edition. 8vo 176pp Dec card covers

A collection of tips that cover a wide range of situations which should make any reader more aware of what to think about when considering the opening lead.



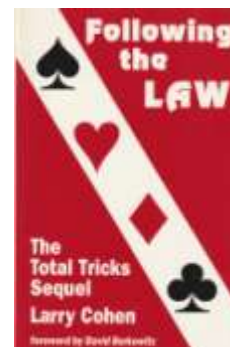
5. **CLAY, John:** CULBERTSON – THE MAN WHO MADE CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£8.00**
London 1985 1st edition. 8vo 242pp Grey cloth boards dw

Biography – not a bridge hand in sight! This was well received and gives a broader sense of who Culbertson was than Culbertson's autobiography. Enjoyably written from a Bridge player's perspective.



6. **COHEN, Larry:** FOLLOWING THE LAW – The Total Tricks Sequel. **£8.00**
New Jersey 1995 3rd edition (1st 1994). 8vo 244pp Dec card covers

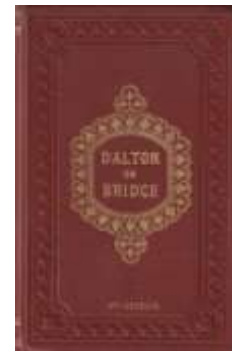
A very good sequel to *To Bid or Not to Bid*. It expands on the original and is better written, thus more readable.



7. **DALTON, William:** BRIDGE ABRIDGED. **£25.00**

London 1910 8th edition. 16mo 215pp Maroon cloth gilt dec on cover
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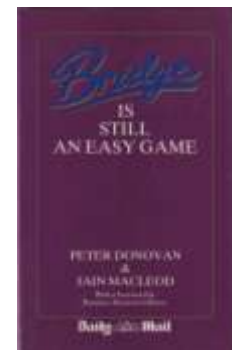
This later edition partially remedied some of the less than scientific approaches of the earlier volumes. It is well written and the illustrative hands are worth a look.



8. **DONOVAN, Peter and Iain Macleod:** BRIDGE IS STILL AN EASY GAME. **£6.00**

Southampton 1988 1st edition. 8vo 246pp Black cloth dw

Peter Donovan – long-standing columnist of the *Daily Mail* – produced this update of the original text of *Bridge is an Easy Game*. Whether it has been successful will be a matter of personal choice.



9. **DUNN, Archibald:** BRIDGE AND HOW TO PLAY IT. **£25.00**

London 1905 14th edition (1st1899). 16mo 108pp + 4pp of new Laws of 1904. Decorative pale yellow boards which are showing signs of wear – but not too bad for 115 years!

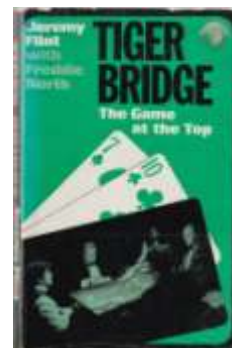
The author asserts that he played a game similar to Bridge in Smyrna around 1880.



10. **FLINT, Jeremy and Freddie North:** TIGER BRIDGE. **£6.00**

London 1970 1st edition. 8vo 191pp Black cloth dw

This is an excellent book that includes a presentation of the Flint-Pender system. It includes the chapter on the accusations of cheating by Reese and Shapiro at the World Championships in 1965 which is omitted in the American edition.



11. **FRANCIS, Henry, Alan Truscott and Dorothy Francis:** THE BRIDGE PLAYERS' ENCYCLOPEDIA. **£15.00**

Memphis, Tennessee 1994 5th edition. 8vo 864pp Red and black cloth no dw. An unusual copy in that the first 24 pages are produced as a supplement, having been omitted at the printing stage.

An updated version which omits the results of American regional events and adopts more stringent criteria for the biographical section. The bibliography section is extended. It remains the most comprehensive work on the game.



12. **HEATON, Rose Henniker and Phyllis Bosworth:** CONTRACT WITH JAMES. **£10.00**

London 1933 1st edition. 12mo 288pp Pale yellow boards no dw

Leslie Parris describes the second part of the book as 'Anglicised Culbertson'. The first part introduces two people who take up Bridge.



13. **JAGO, Willie:** TEAM TACTICS AT BRIDGE. **£12.00**

Melbourne 1996 2nd printing (1st 1995). 8vo 191pp Dec card covers

Contains some good advice – and budding proof readers will enjoy 'spot the mistakes'!



14. **KANTAR, Edwin B:** ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD. **£12.00**
Subtitled *The Final Word*

Toronto 2008 5th edition (1st 1991). 8vo 244pp Dec card covers

The author won the IBPA award for presenting his invention of RKCB in the early 1980s. Kantar provides both innovation and detail, and this is a 'must' for any partnership wanting to use this convention. This 5th edition is, as the title says, Kantar's final word on the convention.



15. **KARPIN, Fred L:** THE ART OF CARD READING AT BRIDGE.

£10.00

London 1975 1st UK edition (1st USA 1973). 8vo 232pp Black cloth dw

A good introduction to the subject, but some of the analysis is superficial.

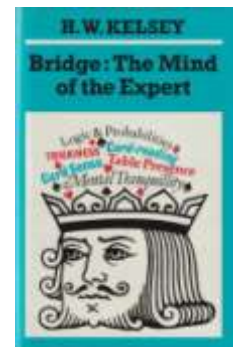


16. **KELSEY, H W:** THE MIND OF AN EXPERT.

£12.00

London 1981 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Light blue cloth dw. Almost as new

This is an enjoyable venture into the realm of expert thinking; the mixture of quizzes and full deals adds to the instruction. One of Kelsey's books which doesn't turn up very often.



17. **KELSEY H W:** THE TOUGH GAME.

£18.00

London 1979 1st edition. 8vo 190pp Blue cloth dw

You are invited to take the South seat for 64 hands in the final of the Gold Cup. You will have a problem in play or defence on each of them. After 8 boards you can measure your performance against the expert who held your cards in the other room. None of the hands are easy, but they are absorbing and instructive.



18. **MANNING FOSTER, A.E:** CONTRACT BRIDGE FOR ALL.

The dustwrapper has the title *Manning-Foster's Latest Word on Contract Bridge*

£12.00

London 1930. Marked '1st edition' but is a revision of the 1929 edition. 8vo 221pp Green cloth dw, a little grubby. Rare to find with dw.

The bidding system advocated is convention free and it lacks the structure of Culbertson. The 1930 edition is a very radical revision.



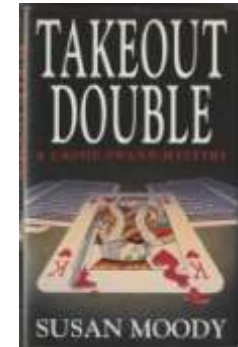
19. **MOLLO, Victor:** BRIDGE À LA CARTE. **£12.00**
London 1982 1st edition. 8vo 158pp Black cloth dw

A presentation of material gleaned from the contributors to the *IBPA Bulletin* by members of the Bridge press. There are many famous names and they are well indexed to the hands in which they played a part.



20. **MOODY, Susan:** TAKEOUT DOUBLE. **£8.00**
London 1993 1st edition. 8vo 309pp Black cloth dw

This is the first of the author's Cassie Swann novels. Cassie is a Bridge professional and during a Bridge Weekend at a country house hotel three of her guests are dead, one certainly murdered. She turns amateur sleuth. Under various names the author has written around 30 novels, of which six have a Bridge theme.



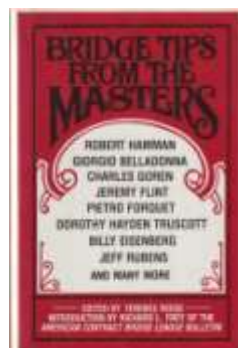
21. **PHILLIPS, Hubert and Terence Reese:** THE ELEMENTS OF CONTRACT. **£14.00**
London 1937 1st edition. 12mo 271pp Orange cloth dw. The dw is split throughout its length but the book has a protective wrapper, preserving the dw. A very good copy.

This 1st edition covers primarily Culbertson bidding, with some early Acol ideas appended, but it is the first considered statement of Bridge principles by Reese. The second part of the book is on play and is very sound and well presented.



22. **REESE, Terence:** BRIDGE TIPS FROM THE MASTERS. **£10.00**
New York 1981 1st edition (1st UK 1980). 8vo 236pp Red cloth black spine dw

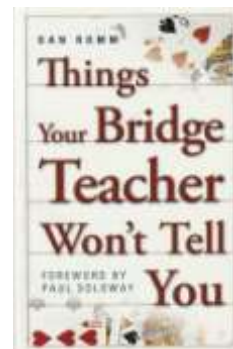
This is the American version, published in the UK as *Bridge Tips by World Masters*. It brings together the first set of *Bols Tips* which are made better for being arranged and edited by Reese.



23. **ROMM, Dan:** THINGS YOUR BRIDGE TEACHER WON'T TELL YOU. £6.00

Toronto 2006 1st edition. 8vo 158pp Dec card covers. As new

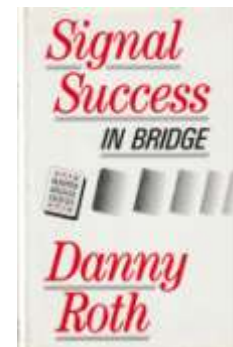
This is an intermediate level book which draws on the author's experiences over many years of duplicate and high stakes rubber. It's an eclectic mix of essays, illustrated with several pages of cartoons.



24. **ROTH, Danny:** SIGNAL SUCCESS IN BRIDGE. £6.00

London 1989 1st edition. 8vo 142pp Grey cloth dw

The author reviews a range of signalling methods, with excellent discussions of suit preference and deceptive signals. Their strengths and weaknesses are brought out, and are shown in the 60 examples and hands.



25. **RUBENS, Jeff:** THE SECRETS OF WINNING BRIDGE. £25.00

New York 1969 1st USA edition. 8vo 241pp Red cloth dw

This is one of the best books for those wishing to improve their game, with many good features, particularly on hand evaluation. This is the 1st US edition, but the book went out of print after 1980, only to be republished quite recently. The 90 degree rotation of the suit symbols is an attractive feature of the dustwrapper.



26. **SHEPARD, E V:** CORRECT AUCTION. £20.00

New York 1920 1st edition. 12mo 258pp Dark green cloth no dw, gilt dec to cover

This is still one of the most interesting books to read today as Shepard was the probability expert of the day. The last chapter on Card Probabilities is a rare exposition of them before the 1960s.



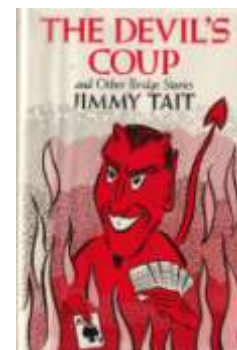
27. **SENIOR, Brian:** THE 43RD EUROPEAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, MONTECATINI 1997. £5.00
Nottingham 1997 1st edition. 4to 83pp Dec card covers

Brian has developed his reports of various championships to a high degree. Here, he has produced an interesting and entertaining look at selected matches.



28. **TAIT, Jimmy:** THE DEVIL'S COUP and OTHER BRIDGE STORIES. £8.00
London 1990 1st edition. 8vo 157pp Black cloth dw, slight fading to spine. Bookplate of former owner

More humorous stories involving the club expert.



29. **VANDERBILT, Harold S:** CONTRACT BRIDGE BIDDING AND THE CLUB CONVENTION. £35.00
New York 1929 1st edition, 2nd reprint. 12mo 251pp Dark red cloth no dw, a little dull

This describes the original Strong Club system, in which a 1C bid promised three quick tricks, usually with some playing strength on the side.



30. **WANG, Chien-Hwa:** THE SQUEEZE AT BRIDGE. £8.00
London 1993 1st edition. 8vo 203pp Dec card covers

The author takes us through the elements of a squeeze with some simple examples – which I followed! He then goes through various other squeeze situations helping us ‘to tip-toe through the minefield’.



I am indebted to Tim Bourke and John Sugden for letting me use some descriptions of the content of books. Some others come from earlier works by Leslie Parris and Bill Sachse.